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Voices of mirth and music. As in sumptuous homes, and sounds Of mourning, as of gathering friends In country burial grounds.

Cadence of malden voices-Their lovers' blent with these; And of little children singing. As under orchard trees.

And often, up from the chaos Of my deepest dreams, I hear Sounds of phantom laughter Filling the atmosphere.

But ever and ever the meaning Falters and fails and dies, And only the silence quivers With the sorrow of my sighs.

And I answer: "Oh, voices ye may not Make me understand Fill my own voice, mingled with you, Laughs in Shadowland." James Whitcomb Riley, in Buffalo News

SILAS TRUST-GORE.

[From "On Trial," by Zack, Charles Scribner's Sons.1

The firelight streamed across the threshold of Mary Anne Wort's cot tage, and flickered against the dia mond-paned windows. The table in the kitchen was laid for supper, and on the hob the kettle, approaching boiling point, spurted fitfully. Miss Wort lit the lamp, and as she did so a knock sounded at the door and Silas entered. He was carrying a parcel of somewhat curious shape, which he placed, together with his cap, on a side table.

"I thought I would jest drap in, it baing Saturday night," he said.

"I put an extry plate for 'ee," she answered, without turning round.

He went to the window and picked the dead leaves off some geraniums that grew there. "The plants be a bit dry," he remarked. "Shall I fetch a drap o' water for 'em from the butt?"

"Ay, do," she said; "and I'll dish up the while."

They ate the meal in silence, but afterward, when the supper things fetched the odd-shaped parcel from lest 'tis his Maker." the side table.

'The nights wull be gitting longer soon, and I thought maybe 'twud be | me this wan chance." company like."

An expression of pleased interest crossed Mary Anne Wort's face. "Wait a bit till I find my glasses,"

she answered.

do 'ee think o' that?" in a voice of mingled astonishment azide; and why shud I lose my profit and delight-"if 'tiddn't my old Tom | if hell 'ull 'ave 'ce anyway?" -and looking the very moral o' hiszulf, too. Whativer do it mean?"

Silas smiled, his lips, hard as drawn wire, lengthening leanly. "I dug 'un up and stuffed 'un," he answered. "Happen you minds he died about the fust I comed courting. I said to mezulf: 'If Mary Anne Wort promises me her hand, I'll stuff this cat and gie it her for a wedding present!' I brought it 'ee a bit sooner, cuz you seems lonesome here all by yurzulf."

"Ay, I be lonesome," she admitted. "Law," she continued, leaning forward and stroking her dead favorite -- "how prospercus he do look, to be

Silas' face softened with satisfac-

"I put a squeak in 'un. You 'ave on'y got to pinch his tail, and he'll cry the same as any living thing; it warks zo," he explained, pinching the cat between his finger and thumb.

"Well, I niver, only hark to that!" cried Mary Anne Wort, as her stuffed favorite produced a spirited "miaow." "Tis his very tone and voice."

"Ay," commented Silas, "the cat be there, but the milk remains in the jug." He was silent a moment, and, raising his eyes, glanced round the kitchen.

"'Tis a tidy little place you've got here," he remarked, in a pleased voice. "Us 'ull settle down comfortable wi' wat us 'ave laid by and wat us makes out o' vules and sich."

At this moment there was a knock at the door and Dan entered. A curious, balf-mocking smile flitted for a moment across the hostler's face as Clean towels and everything firsh his eyes fell upon the young fellow.

"They told me over at the fin I shud find you here," Dan explained. "Ba 'ee after having a few wuds wi'

"Ess," said Dan; and the two men ee all his former patrons. Usual left the cottage together. They passed down the narrow path to the said, solemnly, "s'posin' this lad tes- cago Dispatch.

the garden by a high privet hedge.

"Ali," exclaimed Mary Anne Wort, slowly, "that lad be wan o' the vules, he." her stuffed favorite.

"It do zim a bit unfriendsome spying on him after he acted that thoughtful, stuffing my Tom. Still," she added, "a lone woman must needs | swered; but he spoke without his zee to things herzulf."

So saying, she stole softly to the door and peered out. There was no fear sore it 'ull no save 'ee wi God,' echoed across to her.

hedge," she exclaimed, slipping into latch. "You be a good woman, Mary the garden. "This bain't the time to | Anne Wort," he said; "I reckon, ez be pernicketting in choice o' acts."

she detached it with trembling went out and left her. fingers.

Silas peered across the gate.

She stood still, making no answer. said Dan, impatiently. "Look 'ee," he continued, "you reckons to make 15 pun by the mare-why won't you wait? I cud work and pay the money | nater be!" honest if you cud wait.

"Na, na, I wor niver wan o' yer dawdlers," Silas answered. "When a man needs a shillun to-day, tiddn't much good promising him a pun next

work for 'e honest," Dan pleaded.

"And 'tis honest wark I'm axing o' 'ee," Silas answered. "Ain't I told ee all along it cud be warked hon-

Dan stamped his foot. "That be nought but wan o' yer lies," he said, angrily. "Why shud you want to ruin me? I ain't niver done vou no

"Ruin 'ee? I don't want to ruin 'ee," Silas answered. "I uses 'ee for my own puppusses, that's wat I does; had been cleared away, Mary Anne and if you valls to pieces in my hand, Wort drew her chair up in front of the | that be your Maker's fault, not mine. fire, and invited Silas to do the same. Na, na; there iddn't no wan outside a Before complying, however, he man's zulf that can bring him to ruin,

"I can't argy wi' 'ee," said Dan, in "I've brought 'ee sommat," he said. a hopeless voice. "But I jest ax 'ec, standing here as man to man, to gie

There was a long pause, and Silas drew nearer and laid his hand on the young fellow's arm. "You'll reckon most like that I be a heartless devil when I answers 'ee nav," he said "Time enough, time enough," re- "but na, lad, 'tiddn't this; 'tis cuz l plied the hostler, slowly untying the see 'twud but be giving 'ee a longer parcel. "There now!" he exclaimed, rope to hang yerzulf by. You ain't as he removed the last wrapper; "what | got the grit, you ain't got the spunk. to pull up in time. If I stands azide, "Law bless us!" cried Mary Anne, there'll be they who won't stand

"I bain't as bad as all thic," exclaimed Dan, hoarsely. "I knaw I ain't as bad as all thic; there be zome good in me. I swear it!"

Silas looked down on the lad's face, white against the dusky evening shadows. "Ay," he said, "there be good in 'ee, and you be the rottener becuz o' ut. Belave me, there iddn't no more worthless skiddik in nater than thic that ba too rotten fer dacent use, and too good to be drawed out on the dungheap. Na, na; upright livin' iddn't for sich as you, and if 'ee take my advice, you'll gie up worritting

"Curse you!" Dan burst out in helpless impotence; "curse you!" "Ay, cuss away, and much good may it do 'ee."

"Oh, you be a heartless devil!" "Zim zo to 'ee, naw doubt," said Silas, turning from him and pushing back the gate. "Wull, good night; I

must be on the move." There was no answer - Dan had and man sighed, and began slowly to er interesting details. retrace his steps. As he neared the

Wort confronted him. "Ba that 'ee, Mary Anne Wort?" he exclaimed, starting back.

"You heard what us zed?" "Ivery wud. Come inzide."

door; their hard, immobile faces had turned from rusty yellow to grayish white, but the lips, close-set, showed | Gwynn said: "The very great value no sign of tremulousness. The wom- of pictorial illustrations is acknowlan spoke first; her voice, though dry, edged by everyone, making the study was firm and even.

"Us must part from this night," she said.

"Ez yer wull." "I wud ha' made 'ee a good wife."

"I knaws it." She put her puckered, big-boned

oad beyond, which was divided from tifies agin 'se on the day o' judg-

ment?". "I ain't got no fear o' sich trash ez

no doubt! I should dearly like to | "Happen he's trash in our eyes, but knaw what Silas be after wi' he." She who shall say if he be zo in the Alstood for a moment irresolute, glane- mighty's?" she answered. "Oh. ing first at the open door and then at | Silas," she continued, and her voice for the first time betrayed emotion, "I couldn't bear to see 'ee cast away when it comed to the last!"

"I walks circumspect." he anusual glibness.

"That may save 'ee wi man, but I moon-everything lay shrouded in she replied, turning from him with shadow. A low murmur of voices what sounded like a rough sob. He took up his cap and opened the door, "I'll ruckee down longside thic halting a moment, his hand on the things go nowadays, us cud ha' made Her dress caught on a rose-bush; wannother comfortable." And be

She listened to his retreating steps in silence, and then her eyes fell on "Be that you, Mary Anne?" he the stuffed cat. Sinking down on a chair, she covered her face with her bands, and between her red fingers "'Tiddn't nought but some bird," the sparse tears of middle age trickled slowly.

"Oh, Silas, Silas," she exclaimed, "what a varrigated thing human

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